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## LABOUR GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

PARLIAMENT REASSEMBLED.  
GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME OUTLINED.  
REASSURING THE COUNTRY.  
CONFIDENCE RATHER THAN TRANQUILLITY.  
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, February 12.—The House of Commons reassembled quickly, but Ministers were soon bombarded with questions about domestic and foreign policy. The Conservatives were so keen in putting supplementary questions that only half the usual number of questions were disposed of in the first forty minutes.



Mr. Ramsay MacDonald made his first Parliamentary appearance as Premier. He shed no new light on questions of foreign policy. Thereafter he made a statement as regards Ministerial salaries, stating that he would not draw any salary as Foreign Minister. Mr. J. R. Clynes, the Deputy Leader of the House would draw £5000 which were the Lord Privy Seal's usual emoluments. Viscount Haldane, the Lord Chancellor desired to receive £6000 instead of the £10,000 to which he was entitled.

KEEP STEADY.  
Mr. MacDonald said he was not going to resign as the result of any snap division but only if defeated on substantial issues, or if a direct vote of no-confidence were moved by the responsible leaders of either of the other parties and were carried.

He thanked the calm, sane business men who had warned investors not to make fools of themselves owing to the advent of a Labour Government and he appealed to the country to keep steady.

He defended the order of the Minister of Health (Mr. J. Wheatley) rescinding the order of Sir Alfred Mond imposing surcharges on the Poplar Board of Guardians in respect of excessive out relief. Mr. MacDonald declared that Mr. Wheatley's order was an insignificant mechanical operation and no indication that the Labour Government was going to encourage extravagance by any spending department.

IMPERIAL WIRELESS.  
Mr. MacDonald said the Government would submit all the Imperial Economic Conference resolutions to the House. They would indicate their views regarding each and provide the House with every item of information thereabout in the possession of the departments. The decision would be left to free vote.

He hoped to have the report of the Imperial Wireless Committee by the end of the week and that it would be possible to settle the matter finally.

The Government would carry on the inheritance of social measures mentioned in the King's speech. The Government aimed at building £500 houses at an average rental of 9s. weekly, including rates.

SHEER BOSH.  
Mr. MacDonald said the country sooner or later had to become acquainted with the driving hand of Labour and he would be very glad if it could come sooner.

Referring to apprehensions expressed by Sir Robert Horne, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, on his return from America with regard to the Labour Government, Mr. MacDonald said that the sooner that sort of thing was proved sheer bosh the better it would be for everybody concerned. He hoped the experience which the country and the Empire were going to have of a Labour Government would make it impossible for any such statements to be made in the future.

The Government was not going to pursue a policy of tranquillity but a policy of confidence. He proposed to take the decision of the House of Commons with regard to the ratification of the Lausanne Treaty, also the Treaty of Tangle.

EXPORT CREDITS.  
With regard to unemployment Mr. MacDonald said the Government would aim firstly at a restoration of trade, pending which there must be adequate maintenance of the unemployed. The Government would speed up the trade facilities scheme and extend the period of operation of export credits.

An authoritative committee would be appointed to survey the national finances for the guidance of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The building trade would be guaranteed work over a term of years. He was confident that a working agreement would be reached with the building trade.

The Government would not have a tariff or bounties for agriculture, but would adopt a system of loans or guarantees for agricultural co-operative enterprises and re-establish the agricultural wages boards.

RUSSIAN TRADE IMPETUS.  
Mr. MacDonald said he was sure there would be a considerable impetus in trade as soon as the recognition of Russia was completed by economic agreements, but we must not be too impatient to reap the harvest. (Opposition: ironical laughter.)

A complete statement of all the outstanding points between the two countries would be sent to Russia. One of the most important was anti-British propaganda, on which we would certainly

AFTER 3,000 YEARS.  
PHARAOH SEES THE LIGHT AGAIN.  
LUXOR MUMMY FOUND.  
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LUXOR, February 12.—The lid of the sarcophagus has been raised and Tutankhamen's mummy has been found. (When the late Lord Carnarvon and his assistant Mr. Howard Carter found Tutankhamen's treasure tomb last year they were unable to open the sarcophagus until the many beautiful and priceless articles had been removed from the outer chambers.)

LATER.  
When the lid was raised there was revealed the most splendid gilded mummy case ever found in Egypt. It was three metres long.

LUXOR, February 12.—The opening of the mummy case is such a formidable operation that there is no question of undertaking it this year.

SOVIET'S NEW AIM.  
INDEPENDENT MONGOLIAN REPUBLIC.  
OVERTURES TO CHINA.

RIGA, February 12.—According to reports in the Press, M. Karakhan, the Soviet representative at Peking, is endeavouring to obtain China's consent to the proclamation of an independent Mongolian republic. It is stated that he protested against alleged Chinese assistance to the anti-Bolshevik elements in Soviet territory and issued a warning that if the latter should cross the frontier Red troops would follow them into China.

Negotiations are reported to be progressing at Moscow for a Mongolian trade agreement. It is stated that the explorer Koslov who left Irkutsk in August on a scientific expedition experienced unexpected difficulties in Mongolia. He returns to Petrograd in February with the object of preparing another expedition to Mongolia next year.

insist. Before the end of the week M. Rakovsky would be en route to Moscow for final instructions with regard to the opening of negotiations.

RELATIONS WITH FRANCE.  
Relations with France had drifted under the Conservative Government so that they could only have resulted in a fresh European war. He hoped that complete agreement would be reached in a few days with regard to the Palatinat and that before the end of the year France and Britain should be whole-hearted co-operators with other nations in establishing conditions of European settlement. Reparations were the first bar to a general settlement, and when this problem had been reported on it would be time to re-survey all questions, including debts.

HONEST DEALING.  
Mr. MacDonald paid a tribute to the instant and hearty response of M. Poincaré to his approaches. "Our diplomacy must be perfectly straight, absolutely frank and quite sympathetic. It only asks a similar response on the other side. France has nothing to fear from any policy we may pursue. I am sure nothing will arise between us but goodwill, honest dealing and sincerity. We must consider the problems of reparations and the Ruhr from the viewpoint of France, Britain and Europe, and do everything to find a satisfactory agreement above all remembering that time is running a tragic race against us."

BACKING FOR THE LEAGUE.  
As regards Russia Mr. MacDonald said he proposed to send to Moscow a complete statement of our outstanding difficulties. The Soviet Government had agreed to appoint Russian members of the Anglo-Russian Commission to which would be referred all the details regarding debts and other questions.

Mr. MacDonald said in conclusion there must be agreement on armaments. Therefore he would do his utmost to increase the representative character and authority of the League of Nations. Germany must enter the League. He hoped Russia would enter. He was confident America would as soon as she knew that the problem was being worked out from a new viewpoint with enthusiasm and idealism. Without more expenditure on armaments or more European rivalry she would be ready to join.

Mr. MacDonald concluded by moving the adjournment. Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Mr. Asquith agreed—the former remarking that Mr. MacDonald's speech was of surpassing interest. Mr. MacDonald's speech was of surpassing interest. Mr. MacDonald's speech was of surpassing interest.

SECURITY.

LONDON, February 12.—In the House of Lords, Lord Haldane enlarged on Mr. MacDonald's statement regarding foreign affairs and lengthily dwelt on the importance of maintaining Anglo-French friendship. He declared that security was what the French in their hearts desired most. Lord Haldane did not wonder at that. He said the British Government wished France security almost as much as she wished it herself. The only difference was a difference in methods. He pointed out the impossibility of reducing armaments until a better method of security was obtained by some sort of common mind among the European nations. He said that if France would come with them into consideration of this other method of security they would not only assure her an untroubled future but would secure relief for both France and Britain from a very heavy burden.

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## INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd February, 1924, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1923.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 11th February to SATURDAY, 23rd February, 1924 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on the day and at the place aforesaid immediately upon the termination of the Ordinary Yearly Meeting for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the following resolution:

That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the Shareholders of the Corporation to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendments necessary to the Ordinance under which the Corporation is incorporated and carrying on business so as to allow of the ordinary note issue of the Corporation being increased from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 and to modify the existing requirements as regards the deposit of security in respect of its note issue in the following manner:

(a) So that the whole of the increase (namely \$10,000,000) of such ordinary note issue shall be secured by coin or bullion or approved securities.

(b) To provide that whatever the total amount of the note issue may be at any particular time the amount of coin or bullion or approved securities to be deposited by the Corporation shall never be less than one third of the total amount of the bills in actual circulation.

By Order of the Court of Directors:  
A. G. STEPHEN,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1924.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANU-  
FACTURING COMPANY, LTD.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 28th February 1924, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December 1923, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from THURSDAY the 21st February 1924, until THURSDAY 28th February 1924, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 9th February, 1924.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED, will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 14th February to WEDNESDAY, 27th February 1924, both days inclusive.

W. E. ROBERTS,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 7th February, 1924.

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## INTIMATIONS

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## RACE MEETING 1924.

FEBRUARY 20th, 21st, 22nd & 23rd.

MEMBERS' BADGES OF ADMISSION are now ready and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings. Members are notified that they cannot gain admission on production of the metal Badges issued last year.

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 8, 1924.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## RACE MEETING 1924.

FEBRUARY 20th, 21st, 22nd & 23rd.

MEMBERS have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE. A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings on or before Tuesday, the 19th February.  
Price \$10.00 per day or \$30.00 for the Meeting.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,  
Treasurers.  
Hongkong, February 8, 1924.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## RACE MEETING 1924.

FEBRUARY 20th, 21st, 22nd & 23rd.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the PUBLIC ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH or at the Gate. Price \$3.—per day.  
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS in uniform \$1.—per day.  
No one admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector, at the Gate.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,  
Treasurers.  
Hongkong, February 8, 1924.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings. No Servants will be allowed inside the Enclosure of the Race Course during Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS.

These tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their Employers or when on duty at the various stands. Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit them and holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 11th February, 1924.

## NOTICE.

I have this day admitted my nephew Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios as a partner in my practice which will be carried on under the style or firm of Leo, D'Almada and Nephew.  
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## INTIMATIONS.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT Co., Ltd.

THE THIRTY FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Charter Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY the 4th of March 1924, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1923, and declaring a dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from TUESDAY the 19th February 1924, until TUESDAY the 4th day of March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 11th February, 1924.

## NOTICE.

PLEASE note that I assumed MANAGERSHIP of the HONGKONG SMALL INVESTORS' SHARE AND REAL ESTATE Co., Hongkong, as from January 1st, 1924. And further note that my contract as Hongkong and South China Manager for the INTERNATIONAL TRADE DEVELOPER LTD., expired on December 31st, 1923.

J. E. OLLERTON.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1924.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as from 1st January 1924, Mr. J. E. Ollerton has relinquished his managership of the Hongkong Branch and is now in no way connected with the Company.

THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE DEVELOPER,  
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd February to 3rd March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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Hongkong, 12th February, 1924.

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## MAIL WEEK NEWS.

## ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Herr Stresemann is at present visiting Switzerland, and it is believed that he will meet the French representatives at Pontresina, and discuss privately with them a settlement of the Rhine and the Rhine and Ruhr questions.

Prince Erik, whose engagement to Miss Lois Booth, of Ottawa, was announced, has officially renounced his right of succession to the throne of Denmark. The King has conferred upon him the title of Count of Rosenborg.

Great opposition is being shown by the Russian peasants to the scheme under which their representatives were forced upon them by Moscow, and they are now, despite the presence of spies, selecting their own representatives. Moscow lists are rejected entirely.

In Cape Town steps are being taken to urge the importance of the harbour as a naval base in the time of emergency, and it is pointed out that for \$6,000,000 or £7,000,000, compared with the estimated cost of £11,000,000 for the Singapore scheme, the port could be made thoroughly up to date.

Seventeen persons were burned to death or suffocated as a result of a disastrous fire which occurred in the State Hospital for Insane, Chicago. The institution, which consists of seven buildings, houses 3,500 patients. It is feared that the death-roll may be much heavier.

The Afghan troops, who are endeavouring to round up the murder gangs on the frontier, have had a sharp engagement in the region of Mandatal. No British representative is with the punitive column, and all reports of its labours are furnished from Kabul. Tribesmen are co-operating to prevent the escape of the assassins into Tirah.

While proceeding from his home to the post-office in the centre of Rome, Professor Giovanni Amendola, Democratic Liberal Deputy and an ex-Minister of the Fascist Cabinet, was murderously attacked by several unknown persons, who managed to escape in the confusion which followed the outrage.

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"TODDERPORE"	5,334	23rd Feb.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"NADDERA"	15,823	23rd Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Calcutta & Bombay
"PADUA"	5,877	23rd Mar.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"SIOLIA"	5,812	23rd Mar.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"KHYBER"	5,812	23rd Mar.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"CHINA"	7,951	13th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SUDAN"	6,696	23rd Apr.	S'pore, Penang, Calcutta & Bombay
"KALYA"	9,118	3rd May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"PLASSY"	7,428	17th May	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"KASHMIR"	5,863	24th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KHEGAR"	5,863	24th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MORRA"	10,911	24th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATA"	9,095	13th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,911	24th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TANDA"	5,954	22nd Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKUDA"	5,949	7th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TORILLA"	5,949	4th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"JAPAN"	5,949	13th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"EASTERN"	4,000	27th Feb.	Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne
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"TAKADA"	5,949	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KIN'HEI"	5,949	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"PADUA"	5,877	27th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"NADDERA"	15,823	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"CHINA"	7,951	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SIOLIA"	5,812	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	5,863	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KHEGAR"	5,863	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MORRA"	10,911	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARNATA"	9,095	4th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,911	4th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"EASTERN"	4,000	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ARAFURA"	6,000	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,000	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	5,863	2nd May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KHEGAR"	5,863	2nd May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MORRA"	10,911	2nd May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARNATA"	9,095	16th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,911	16th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"EASTERN"	4,000	7th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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## INTERPORT BILLIARDS. SHANGHAI STILL LEADING.

AN EXCITING GAME.

"At the Lusitano Club last evening two more games were decided which resulted in Shanghai maintaining their lead by 50 points.  
At the first session J. P. Pereira, Shanghai, opposed E. Guimaraes, Hongkong and after a very poor exhibition of billiards which lasted 2 1/2 hrs. the Hongkong man ran to his points 35 ahead of his opponent. A better effort was certainly expected of Guimaraes who seemed unable to control the balls at any stage of the game. His best breaks were 11 and 30 and his average 4.85. Pereira's best breaks were 32, 31, 22, 21, and 19 (twice). And his average was 4.53.

The second game which commenced at 9.25 p.m. was a fine exhibition of all round billiards and afforded plenty of excitement. The contestants were A. F. Gomes (Shanghai) and E. D. Rozz (Hongkong). After 25 minutes play Rozz reached his 100 with his opponent at 84 and from then on seemed to fall off somewhat, Gomes establishing a lead of 80 with breaks of 18, 25, 34 and 25 in quick succession. At this stage Rozz drew well merited applause for a century break of 31, 28 of which he obtained off the white. The scores then read (Shanghai) 213 (Hongkong) 197. Gomes however slowly forced ahead with a number of small carefully compiled breaks and when reaching the 300 mark his opponents score was 216. Rozz then asserted himself and reduced the lead with an all round break of 41, followed by one of 38. The scores then read Hongkong 344, Shanghai 333.

Gomes failed to score anything of note after three or four visits to the table, and Rozz after several small breaks put on a fine one of 45, mostly red losers. The scores then read Hongkong 436, Shanghai 363 and it looked as if Rozz was to have an easy victory but apparently Gomes did not think so for at this stage he made a brilliant recovery with a splendid break of 70 which made the score read Shanghai 439, Hongkong 436. Great excitement then prevailed and each visit to the table was watched with breathless anticipation, either player being expected to run out at any time. Very slowly the scoring increased until Gomes put on a useful break of 25. The scores then read Shanghai 481, Hongkong 459. Rozz failed to score upon his next visit to the table and Gomes seizing the opportunity left him, ran to his points with 19 unfinished. It was truly a splendid finish to such a fine exhibition of billiards as both players gave, and the Shanghai player is to be heartily congratulated on his splendid night's fight.  
The highest breaks were:-  
Shanghai—70, 34, 40, 27, 25 (3 times) and 22.  
Hongkong—45, 41, 38, 33, 31, 27 (twice) and 21.  
Gomes obtained an average of 8 (the highest so far), and Rozz obtained one of 7.32.  
Another exciting tussle is expected to night when the two final games will be played.

## "DEMODOCUS" SAFE. REACHES SHANGHAI AFTER GROUNDING.

The Blue Funnel steamer "Demodocus" reported from Shanghai to run ashore abreast of the Blackstone Buoy on Monday has reached Shanghai safely.  
Messrs. Butterfield & Swire informed the China Mail this morning that they had received a telegram stating that the "Demodocus" got away on her own steam and proceeded almost immediately to Shanghai. Work has already started on the vessel. She is purely a cargo ship.

## SIR ROBERT HO TUNG. LEAVES FOR THE EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

"Au Revoir" was said to Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung and their party at Blake Pier this morning by a representative gathering of well-known Chinese and foreign officials, as they left on a special tender for the N.Y.K. s.s. "Fushimi Maru" which sailed at 11 a.m. for London. With Sir Robert were Mr. Ip Lap-chuen (Secretary of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce), Mr. Ma Wing-ching (Secretary of the Canton Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company and other well-known Chinese who will attend the Empire Exhibition in various capacities, Sir Robert Ho Tung being one of the Associate Commissioners for Hongkong. Miss Siu Wai-sheng who accompanied Sir Robert, will represent her father, a local merchant, at the exhibition.

Among those to see Sir Robert and his company off were the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, officials of the Hok Shan Commercial Union, representatives of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and other prominent business men. Another bigger contingent for the Empire Exhibition will leave on the Blue Funnel steamer "Agapenor" this afternoon. They include skilled silversmiths, ivory carvers, makers of ritan and black wood ware and other artisans who will be responsible for the displaying of the processes of various Chinese industries. Nine women in the party will attend to the silk making exhibit, one of the chief features of Hongkong's section.

## TENNIS. CHINA'S DAVIS CUP CHALLENGE.

HONGKONG MEN CHOSEN.

Reuter cables from Shanghai state that the Chinese Olympic Committee has announced that China will send competitors to the Paris Olympiad. China has challenged for the Davis Cup. The team will consist of New Sei Kwong, W. Lok Wei and Fee Wu.

New Sei Kwong (evidently Ng Sze Kwong) and W. Lok Wei are Hongkong boys. Both received their early education and their first steps in tennis at St. Stephen's College, later departing for the Hongkong University and Cambridge respectively. Of the two, Ng Sze Kwong is perhaps better known as an all round cricketer, a good football player and of course a tennis player of note. He is champion of the Colony and also champion of the Chinese Recreation Club, and has held all these premier positions for several years. He takes his pleasures in these matters and his honours likewise, unassumingly and is therefore justly popular. A steady player, he has been known to be affected by nerves. W. Lok Wei (Wei Wing Lok) is perhaps not so well known and is at present stationed in Shanghai. His style of play is extremely graceful and brilliant.

## HONGKONG BANK.

REPORT FOR 1923.

The report of the Court of Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation just issued, announces *inter alia* that:-  
The net profit for the year (including \$3,350,212.49 brought forward) was \$16,583,873.49. The payment of a final dividend of £3 per share and a bonus of £2 at 2 1/3%, recommended. This will leave a balance of \$3,379,314.

## LOCAL TURF. WHO WILL WIN THE DERBY?

**LATEST GOSSIP.**  
Of the Shanghai jockeys who will be down here for the annual race meeting, Mr. Vidy only was out at exercise this morning. Passengers from the "President Jefferson" did not get ashore till this morning when it was stated that Mr. Burkill and Mr. Bauld only arrived by that liner. The other Shanghai cricks comprising Mr. Moller, Mr. Hill, Mr. Brand and Mr. Morris and others are now stated to be due to leave Friday or to arrive here on Saturday or Monday.

Certain unofficial gossip concerning the Chater stable was gathered from a turf expert yesterday. In view of the fact that it is confidently tipped for the Derby and that its ponies are not usually galloped till 11 o'clock in the morning when the others have left, interest in the Dahlia ponies is very keen. Our informant ventured a tip to the effect that Lady Chater's Derby pony—one is entered against half a dozen or so in Sir Paul's name—is almost a certain starter for Blue Riband but trainer Carreem might alter his decision if the Trial Stakes on the First Day did not come up to his expectations. That a good many believe Lady Chater's pony will be saddled for the big race is also evident from the antepost bidding at the clubs. Last night it was made third favourite in all three draws at one of the old clubs and if this barometer of form gives a correct reflection, it is now considered the best outside of Sir Paul's and Messrs. Morris and Marshall.

Bidders were prepared to go to even shorter odds to buy the Dahlia stable last night: the average being nearer 1 to 2 than even. The same can be said of the "field" stable, as the odds shortened down to nearly even for a solitary first place. Lady Chater's stable was bought at about 13 to 2 and Mr. A. H. Carroll's was considered the best of the outsiders although Mr. Henry Humphreys' also came in for attention in the last draw.

Those present discarded their usual peturbed appearance when the last draw was being made. About five stables were left in the drum and neither of the two favourites had been pulled yet. Then Morris and Marshall were called, until two remained, Mr. Alves and Sir Paul's. A hum of excitement went up when the second last came out but it was not the favourite.

For the Exchange Plate for old ponies, Messrs. Stephen's and Stitt's were first favourites and Sir Paul's second with the Dynasty and Dyer and Beth good outsiders. Mr. A. H. Carroll's entries were made favourites for the Chater Cup (for Gymkhana ponies) and the only other stable to draw attention was Mr. C. C. Boyd's. With the weather improving it is expected that some good trial gallops will be made this week. The ponies will now go through the last phases of training as the races start in a week. On Saturday, if the weather remains fine, quite a number of those who carry expectations will be put through their paces.

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YOKOHAMA via SWATOW	HANGSANG	Fri, 15th Feb.	Noon
YOKOHAMA via MOI & KOBE	LAISANG	Fri, 15th Feb.	Noon
MANILA	SUBSANG	Sat, 16th Feb.	Noon
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	LETSANG	Sun, 17th Feb.	9 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	YUSANG	Wed, 20th Feb.	7 a.m.
Kobe via SHANGHAI	WATSANG	Fri, 22nd Feb.	7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	HOSANG	Sat, 23rd Feb.	Noon
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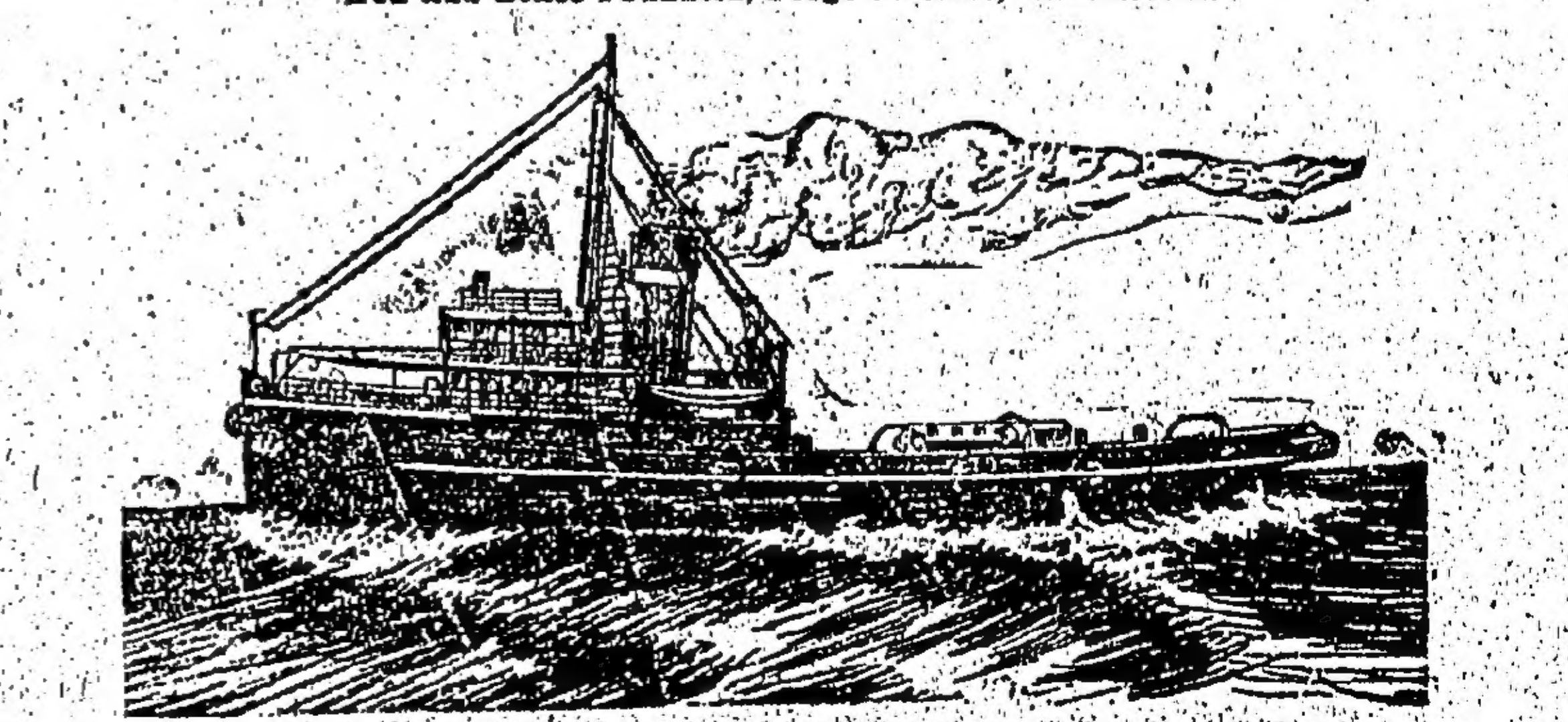


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NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.  
TA'GO MARU ... .. Thursday, 14th February.  
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.  
KITANO MARU ... .. Wednesday, 13th Feb. at 5 p.m.  
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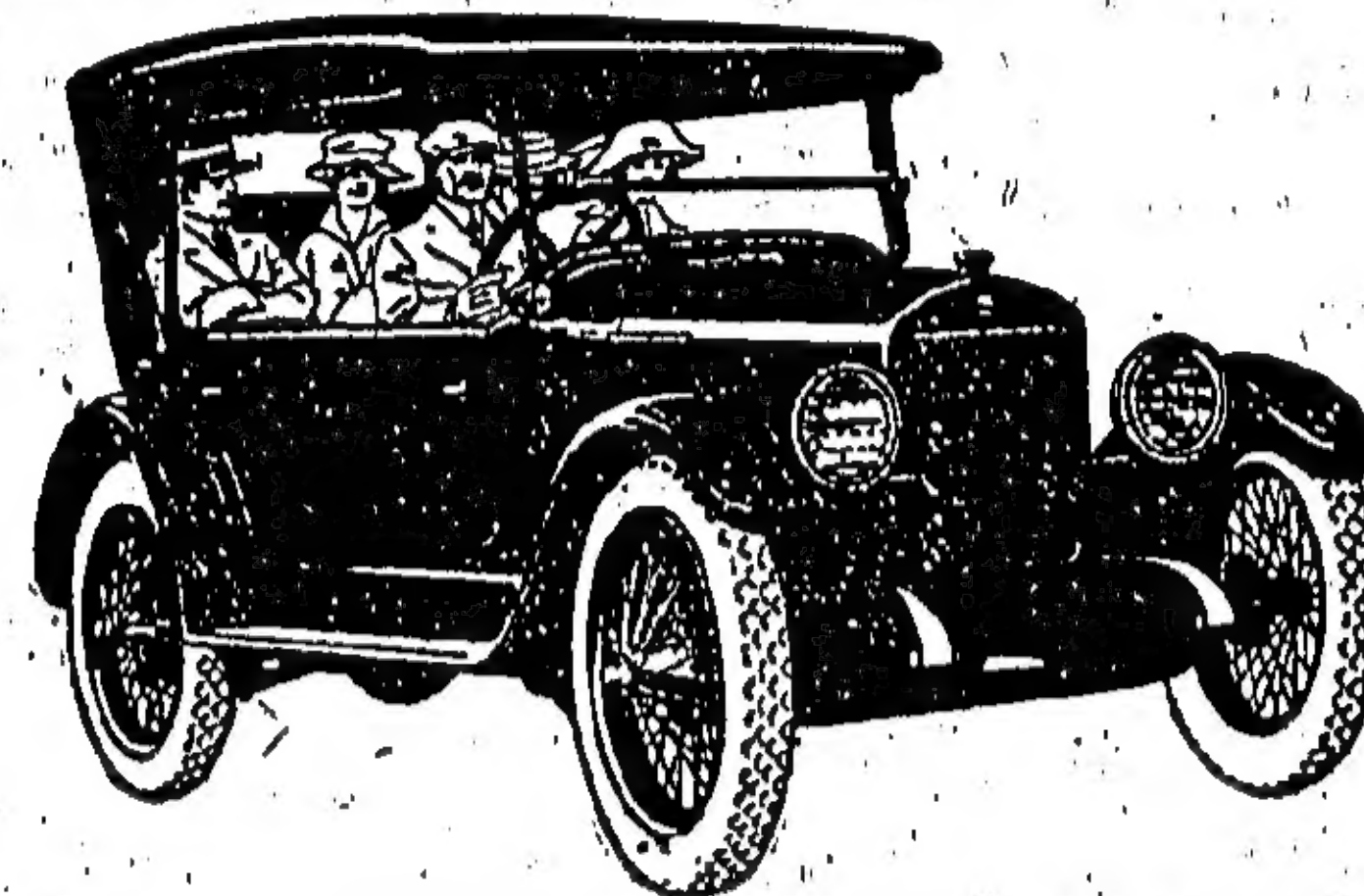
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## PIRATE MENACE.

## TACKLING A GRAVE EVIL.

SOME VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—It is an axiom that for all ills there is a remedy; and it is equally true that for some ills there are several remedies; some of which may be worse than the disease, or evil itself.

These aphorisms are peculiarly applicable to the evil demon of piracy now rampant in our midst, and it behooves us to carefully examine the ways and means, both actual and suggested, how best to overcome the pest.

That the original plan adopted (method of police search, with armed guards, and a structurally protected ship) to achieve this end was based upon the soundest economical and practical principles, I am firmly convinced, but why it has failed in its aim is better left to the imagination than expressed. For what it has failed—most woefully—admits of no doubt.

It was designed primarily for the prevention of smuggling of opium or other contraband, and the protection of passengers and crew from piratical attack from within and without. In both these important particulars it has signally failed in its object. Pirates with their arms have embarked at Hongkong; and the general safety of passengers and crew from piratical attack have been found insufficient and inadequate for the purpose.

Under these circumstances, can one wonder that the guards who, given more favourable conditions of defence, would have justified their inclusion in this scheme of things, should have been found wanting and, as a source of danger more than of safety? Placing their best in some prescribed and open portion of the ship; silhouetted against the sky-line, or some other light background; they present an easy mark to the lurking assassin who, at the preconcerted time, shoot them down like sheep in pens. The others, off duty, similarly surprised and attacked, and outnumbered by overwhelming odds; without hope of succour, or that their death will in any way affect the issue; what else can they do but surrender? Would any officer, naval or military, similarly situated, sacrifice the lives of his men in such a cause? And what is true of the guards is equally applicable to the foreign executive officers of the ships. Provide them with every protection consistent with the needs of the ship, and given a reasonable chance, they will fight to the death as ordered. At present they have not a show either way, and it is criminal to subject them to such alternatives.

The cause of the recent piracies were undoubtedly due to two main influences, and these are directly attributable to the farcical system of search and protection now in vogue:—

Firstly.—The ease with which arms are smuggled on board ship.

Secondly.—The surprisingly short space of time in which the crew were overpowered and the full control of the ship gained.

The first is self-evident and irrefutable; and regards the last, contributory and easily to be looked for in the negligence of the guards for and others in going to and fro and having the grills unlocked; to first-class Chinese passengers being allowed on the upper deck, and to collusion on the part of the crew. All these defects in the present system can be remedied at very little additional cost and trouble, when it will compare most favourably, both economically and practically, with any other scheme that may be devised.

Let it be conceded that if arms are prevented from being taken on board, the danger of piracy is considerably reduced and may never occur at all; and that should it be attempted, there would be a reasonable prospect of beating off the attack. On the other hand, should arms be secreted on board, in the present state of the ship's defence, a successful piracy is inevitable. It is this because of primary importance to prevent this at all costs; and it can be best effected in two different ways, I think. Firstly,—by a thorough search and inspection of the whole ship and all on board by a sufficient staff, assisted by the ship's officers and guards, on completion of the vessels lading—the ship, meanwhile, being isolated from the wharf and all surrounding craft by guards posted for the purpose. A police lance in attendance on the off side until the vessel leaves her berth would be a necessary precaution during hours of darkness.

The cargo hatches, furnished with locking bars, at which guards had been stationed during the loading, would be locked and the keys in the possession of the master; all apertures closed; the different classes of passengers and crew separated and confined to their respective quarters by the grills already provided for that purpose; and the searching staff divided to deal with the whole ship at once.

A space on the main, or tween-decks, enclosed by hinged and folding grills for bulwarks, which could be kept locked during the voyage, would facilitate the operation. But this is not really neces-

sary, nor do I think the Chinese passenger would consent to be separated from his belongings in this way. I merely mention it as a means of saving time.

A staff of thirty searchers could carry out this duty in one hour, I think. If more were needed, they would have to be obtained.

The police would attend to the passengers, but Revenue Officers, if they could be recruited, would be the best men to search the ship. They would be accompanied by the ship's officers, the chief engineer and chief officer directing in their respective departments. All baggage searched should be marked, and passengers given tickets. After the search was over and the ship had left her wharf, the guards should be instructed to fire a warning shot, if necessary, at any craft attempting to board the ship while steaming through the harbour. The second method of search could be partly carried out on shore by collecting all passengers in some depot, near the ship, if possible, and then escorting them on board under a police guard after the vessel had been searched and was ready to leave.

There are many objections to this method which will be readily apparent on a little thought, and of the two proposed, the first is the best. I think, as having the advantages of the other without the cost and difficulty of securing and maintaining the depots necessary.

And the larger staff required by the first method would be justified by its availability for two or more vessels if their times of departure were arranged accordingly, instead of the present method of having a separate searching party for each ship.

So far as Hongkong is concerned, if this scheme was adopted and carried out in a thorough systematic manner, it could be absolutely depended on, and nothing more would be required. But pirates may be encountered outside; they may embark at Macao, Canton, and other Chinese ports; so the cooperation of the authorities at these places must be secured, and the scheme itself supplemented by other precautions to make it effective.

Every ship can be made impervious to piratical attack from on board if suitable alterations and additions are judiciously made in her superstructure. Local steamers have been so fitted in conformity with the Piracy Ordinances, and the deeds of the troublous times we have recently passed through, that at very little additional cost, they can be made perfectly secure. As they are at present, many of them do not justify the expense incurred, as they are still as open to capture as if they had never been touched. It is of little use locking the doors of a house if the windows are allowed to remain open.

If the bridge, or, in river steamers, the upper deck, and the engine-room can be held by the crew, the pirates would be virtually prisoners, and could be carried anywhere the master wished. The front of the bridge should be armoured right across at a height which would protect the occupants, including the Q.M., at the wheel, from being shot at from forward. The plating should be loop-holed for rifle fire.

The bridge, if not otherwise protected from invasion, should have fitted "devious de frise" (spiked rail) to prevent anyone gaining it by a dash across the awning.

The side of the bridge, covering the wheel-house should also be armoured-plated.

The Q.M. should stand on an iron plate, or subbing, to protect himself from being shot from underneath. Those on the bridge-deck (in front of the wheel-house) should be similarly protected by iron plates, or a thick mat made of old rope and coir matting. The side rails should be filled in, fore and aft, with wire netting; and the space between them and the awnings with wire netting on a light iron frame-work fitted with some locking device, and so as to turn down, or be hooked up under the awning spreaders when not in use. This would prevent anyone from invading the upper deck from the deck below.

The space in the way of the boats would be made a "cut de sue" by enclosing it between two grills with loop-holed iron doors for rifle fire.

The ship's Officers, Pilots, Q.M.s, Guards, and, if possible, the firemen, should be accommodated on this deck; and galleys, lavatories, etc., for their sole use, should only be provided here. Access to the engine-room should be from this deck. All other openings, such as companion-ways, skylights, etc., should be secured with lockable iron gratings or doors.

Spur deck.—The chief protection on this deck—I am now speaking of the ordinary type of river steamer—would be a heavy armour-plated recess, pierced for rifle fire, on each side of the deck amidships, preferably in wake of a thwartship alley-way giving access to the engine-room and the decks above and below. This recess should be formed by two folding doors hinged to a vertical plate on the vessel's side between the two decks, against which they would fold back when not in use.

Each recess could be occupied by two guards who would thus command an unobstructed line of fire fore and aft, as well as the approaches to the engine-room and the decks above and below. This recess would also serve to separate the different classes of passengers, and dispense with some of the grills

now in use which, for the convenience of the crew, have to be left unlocked to facilitate their progress in the course of their duties.

When it was necessary, as would frequently happen, to open this recess for the passage of a passenger or member of the crew, it could be done with perfect safety.

The engine-room and boiler space should be enclosed by a steel trunk bulkhead extending to the upper deck, and any openings in it on this deck should be by steel doors (not by gratings) kept locked when under way. First class galleys, if on this deck, should have dumb-waiters, or lifts, connecting with the deck above.

Main-deck.—The only thing necessary on this deck is to protect the engine-room, bunker-hatches, and other openings thereto. If these are not otherwise secured, they should be cut off from the passengers by locked grills at both ends of the engine-room bulkhead space. Generally, with slight modifications, this mode of protecting a ship will be found applicable to most vessels; but each master should be instructed to draw out a plan best adapted for his own craft.

Guards.—There should be twelve guards in all four-sized passenger vessels, divided into two watches, and posted as follows:—

Two in each recess on the spur-deck, and one behind each of the two grills on the upper deck. The four in the recesses will command the spur-deck, and of the two above, one will be in touch with the watch below, ready to call them in case of an attack; the other with the officer of the watch to help him repel it.

With six guards, the present complement, the recesses could only be occupied by our guard and might easily be taken by surprise; and as I consider them to be of the utmost importance to the safety of the ship, all danger of that should be obviated at any cost.

The additional expense to the owners of employing six extra guards would be recovered from the travelling public by increasing the passenger fares, which would be willingly agreed to, I think, for the enhanced feeling of security it would convey.

The West River steamers carry many passengers between the stage ports on route, and it is practically impossible to thoroughly search them with the present limited staff; the additional guards would help to carry out this very important duty, and these steamers should be especially well protected because of this.

The pilots occupy a very important position on all river steamers, and those in Chinese owned ships are practically regarded by their employers as being of much more importance to them than the foreign masters are. These men should be armed, and their willingness to protect the lives and property committed to their care should be a test of their fitness for the important posts they hold. In any case, a master should be assured of his authority, and firmly supported in his execution of it, in dealing with any deviation of duty on the part of those men should a piratical attack occur.

Chinese passengers, unless known and guaranteed by the commander of the ship, should never be permitted on the upper deck.

Now Sir, that is the scheme I recommend. I have detailed it at great length so as to invite criticism and discussion. Several other plans, better than mine, perhaps, may come out of it, when we can then compare their respective merits and choose the best.

Convoys, patrols, wireless, and even airships, all have their supporters; let us hear from them.

Personally, I pin my faith to the one proposed, if only for the facility with which it can be put into operation.

Search my ship; protect her in the manner suggested, and I shall have no further fears of pirates coming on board.

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I am, dear Sir,

Yours, etc.

AGENDA.

P.S.—I ought to add that all river steamers carry varying quantities of treasure, both in bullion and specie; and when an unusual amount is on board exceptional precautions should be taken. The police should be informed of the fact on those occasions, and instructed to be extraordinarily vigilant in their duties, even to the extent of turning away passengers of whom they may have the slightest suspicion.

Extra guards should also be furnished at those times as a further deterrent to the thieves.

And I must also emphasize the need of instituting some adequate reward for the apprehension of those rascals—a bait that will excite the cupidity of the brutes themselves.

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## INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

## SHANGHAI UNDEFEATED.

DRAW WITH HONGKONG.

Shanghai had a narrow escape from defeat at the hands of Hongkong in the Interport Association football match, played on the Police ground on Tuesday, last week. With the score 3-2 in favour of the visitors and a minute's play remaining, the large crowd of spectators had reconciled themselves to losing to the representatives from the southern port, when Witschi beat the Hongkong goal-keeper with a ground shot and saved the day, the final whistle blowing a moment afterwards with the score 3 all.

The teams were:—Shanghai, Remedios (S.R.C.); Turner (S.R.C.) and Quayle (Police); Phillips (S.F.C.), Crawford (Engineers) and Falconer (Engineers); Witschi (S.R.C.), Johansson (S.R.C.), Goldman (S.F.C.), Coulcher (S.F.C.) and Wilson (Engineers).

Hongkong, Weness (Tamar); Wynne (Police) and Bishop (H.K.F.C.); McKelvie, Stewart (H.K.F.C.) and Lelliot (R.G.A.); Charlesworth (Surreys), Eaton (Surreys), Johnson (Police), Nash (R.A.M.C.) and Begg (H.K.F.C.).

Mr. W. C. G. Clifford refereed, and the linesmen were Messrs. W. T. Bisset and A. T. Squibb.

Describing the match, the *Shanghai Times* says the ground was slippery after the rains of the previous night. The field was enveloped in light mist, and there was no wind. Shanghai won the toss and faced the Bubbling Well Road end.

## HONGKONG COMBINED WELL.

The game was fast throughout. Hongkong attacked strongly and took the ball into Shanghai's territory. The visiting eleven combined splendidly and Begg, at outside-left, was kept well fed, but, Turner, at right-back, looked after him too closely to permit him to score.

Shanghai paid a visit to the Hongkong end, but the ball was soon back again in the Shanghai half and some seven minutes from the commencement Charlesworth scored the first goal for Hongkong.

Shanghai carried the ball down into the Hongkong half and Coulcher put in some good work, but was well marked by the visiting defenders.

The struggle was of a ding-dong nature, the game being first in one half and then in the other. McKelvie tried a long shot at Shanghai's goal, but the ball passed over the bar.

Witschi had quite a good run away. He passed to Goldman who took a shot, but Weness was not beaten. Shortly afterwards Eaton sent in a beautiful longshot at the Shanghai goal, but failed to get between the posts.

A few minutes later Coulcher had bad luck, an awkward shot sent in from an oblique angle going right across the Hongkong goalmouth and clearing by inches only.

## VISITORS TWO UP.

In an attack up the Shanghai end Remedios rushed out to clear, but Johnson was on the ball before him and, twenty-five minutes after the commencement, the visitors were leading 2-1.

Hongkong all this time were playing a wonderful game; their combination in the forward line was excellent, and although Shanghai got near their goal on several occasions, the Hongkong defence never failed to get the ball and clear.

Begg looked like scoring the visitors' third goal in a good run up, but Turner was ready for him and turned him off the ball.

Just before half-time Coulcher tried a shot at goal, but nothing eventuated and the whistle blew with Hongkong 2, Shanghai 1.

Shanghai played up much better in the second half with Hongkong appeared to be tiring. There were a number of thrilling moments in front of both goals, but Shanghai was now getting much more of the game.

SHANGHAI WAKE UP.

Shanghai scored their first goal, through Coulcher, about twenty minutes after the resumption.

Shanghai continued to press and ten minutes or so later Coulcher, from a pass from Goldman, again netted the ball.

Hongkong now began to realize that they were not going to have things all their own way, and both teams began to put every ounce into the game to get the deciding goal.

The visitors took the ball down the Shanghai end and, with some

five minutes to go, Begg gave Hongkong the lead by 3-2.

Shanghai attacked strongly after this and Weness brought off some really brilliant saves. A free kick was given against Hongkong, dangerously near the goal. The visitors kept the ball out and cleared, but with a half-minute or so of time, Shanghai were attacking strongly round the Hongkong goal again, and Witschi, with a ground shot, sent the ball into the net, making the score 3 all, just before the final whistle.

## SHANGHAI LUCK.

## HONGKONG'S BRILLIANT PLAY.

"Onlooker," writing in the *N. C. Daily News*, said that truly Shanghai's lucky star was in the ascendant on Tuesday last against Hongkong. If ever a team deserved to lose on the day's play, it was Shanghai. Not that Shanghai played such had football, but under the prevailing conditions, Hongkong played the better. They adopted themselves to the heavy ground far quicker than the Shanghai team and were undoubtedly on top during greater part of the game. The Hongkong team, as a team, was uniformly good and it is extremely difficult to single out individuals for special mention. Both backs were sound, the halves were infinitely superior to the Shanghai trio, and the forwards were well balanced and showed excellent combination. In fact as a team, they opened the eyes of the Shanghai supporters who, from past results, were led to expect a comfortable victory for the home side.

There can be little doubt that the exhibition of football given was quite the best that has been seen in Shanghai. In spite of the heavy going the game was extremely fast, nor was there anything of the drawing-room variety about it.

This leads us to another point. It is doubtful if there has ever, locally, been seen a finer example of refereeing than that given by Mr. Clifford in this match. Not only did he appear to have the players well in hand, but he was quick, accurate and impartial, in fact everything that a referee should be. If he made a mistake, it was difficult to detect. Nine out of 10 spectators are (in their own opinion) better referees than the unfortunate gentleman officiating! They frequently voice the fact when lighting a perfectly good cigar and seated on a perfectly hard, uncomfortable seat! Mr. Clifford's work was most excellent and, in our opinion, quite a feature of a very memorable match.

## SHANGHAI UNEQUAL.

The Shanghai team was unequal. The halves were distinctly weak. Phillips alone did himself justice and he was up against a warm

proposition in Begg, the visitors' outside left. The Hicks were, on the whole, sound. Quayle was very uncertain in the first half but more than made amends in the second. Turner was uniformly safe and reliable. Remedios, in goal, was apparently nervous and caused some anxious moments, but a greasy ball may account for a number of errors in all departments. The Shanghai forwards were disappointing. So much was expected of Goldman and Coulcher that they were obviously well marked. Wilson was, for the most part, offside, and did not give himself (nor was he given) a chance. Witschi justified his existence by shooting a splendid goal at the finish and thus saving Shanghai's bacon. Johansson was more or less of a failure both before and after he was crooked. Goldman played somewhat below his form; nevertheless, two of Shanghai's goals were the direct result of his efforts. Coulcher scored two goals and is undoubtedly Shanghai's most potential forward. Being so well marked Goldman would have been better advised to swing the ball more frequently to his wings. The same remark applies to Coulcher. The latter is somewhat inclined to

overdo the individualist business but, in the manner of R. E. Foster, he has great control of the ball and is always making tracks for goal.

## CLEVER CAPTAINCY.

With one forward crooked (Johansson), and a goal down, it was a clever piece of captaincy which prompted Quayle to go up into the forward line when only some 10 minutes remained for play. If during his absence from the position of full back, Shanghai had lost 4 to 2, Quayle would probably have been blamed, but where is the difference between being beaten 3 to 2 and 4 to 2?

On the day's play, Hongkong deserved to win by a comfortable margin. They took the "best advantage of all opportunities and what luck there was went their way. Shanghai's three goals were such excellent efforts that one is inclined to believe that the team was a trifle below form and therefore a draw may be considered a satisfactory result (at any rate from the Shanghai point of view).

We understand that the teams will play a return match on Saturday next, when in spite of previous experience, we expect Shanghai to win by a narrow margin.



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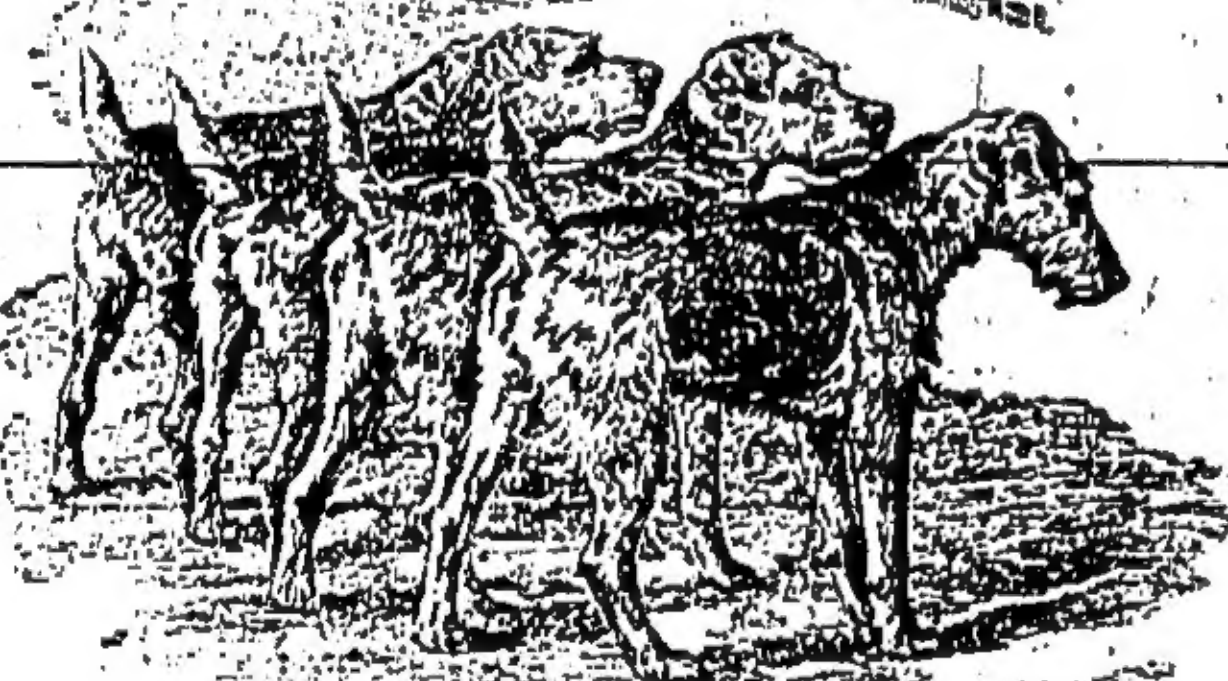
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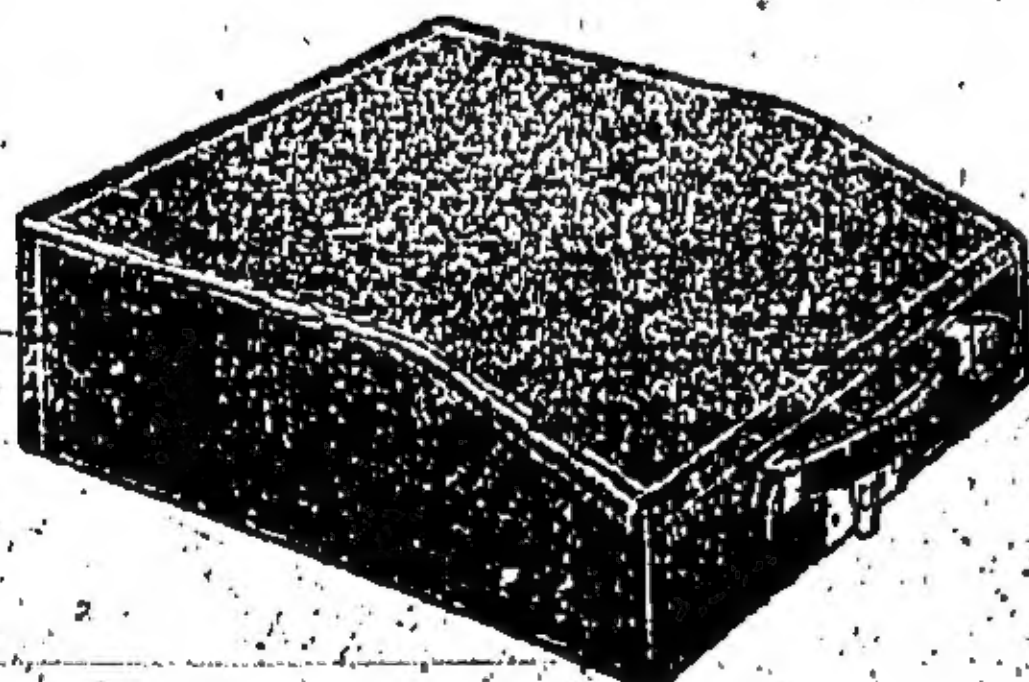
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